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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113 and 1.116

Sir:

In the above-identified patent application, an Office action that was made final in that, in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, prosecution as to the merits has been closed, issued on December 20, 2006. In response to the "Quayle" action, Applicant requests entry of the following amendment as to formal matters, to address the outstanding objection to the specification. (This reply is being filed on February 20, 2007 and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(3) and in Compliance with §§ 1.125(b) and (c)

Amendments to the Specification are by a substitute specification, marked-up to show the changes relative to the previous version, that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 32 of this paper.

An accompanying **Clean Version of the Substitute Specification** (renumbered as pages 1-23) begins following page 32 of this paper.